

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Voting Members

Joey Manahan, Chair; Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice-Chair,
Brandon J.C. Elefante, Ron Menor, Kymberly Marcos Pine

Committee Meeting Held
July 23, 2015

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
Resolution 15-204:

"REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (DTS)
TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC, SPEEDING AND PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLIST SAFETY
CONCERNS WITHIN THE LILIHA/NUUANU TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS ,"

introduced on July 16, 2015, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to request that the DTS conduct a traffic study and make recommendations to alleviate traffic, speeding and pedestrian/bicyclist safety concerns within the Liliha/Nuuanu Transportation Corridors.

Councilmember Fukunaga, the introducer of the Resolution, explained that after meeting with the Liliha Neighborhood Board No. 14, it became clear that the entire length of School Street is viewed as a hazardous zone. She added that this Resolution is meant to complement Resolution 15-178, which requests a study of North School Street, between Houghtailing Street and Likelike Highway.

DTS Director Formby testified in support of the Resolution, noting that two draft studies exist in the areas requested and the analysis of these draft studies could result in recommendations to address many of the concerns specified in the Resolution. DTS

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Deputy Director Garrity further explained that the two areas relevant to this Resolution were included as Complete Streets Implementation Program study areas. DTS specifically looked at Nuuanu Avenue, from Kuakini Street to Craigside Place, and Liliha Street, from School Street to Kuakini Street. He further noted that at the appropriate time, DTS would be happy to meet with stakeholders to discuss the findings of the studies, with an eye toward future implementation.

Three individuals testified in support of the Resolution, including the Chair of Liliha Neighborhood Board No. 14. In addition, five written testimonies were received in support of the Resolution.

Your Committee on Transportation is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 15-204 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Elefante, Kobayashi, Pine, Manahan – 4; Noes – None; Excused: Menor – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



JOEY MANAHAN
Committee Chair

At the 8/5/15 Council meeting the Resolution was amended and subsequently adopted in the form attached hereto, Resolution 15-204, FD1.

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RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC, SPEEDING AND PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLIST SAFETY CONCERNS WITHIN THE LILIHA-NUUANU TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS.

WHEREAS, Honolulu's citizens and businesses rely on a viable roadway system for mobility and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Data Book found that in 2011, Honolulu commuters daily traveled 3,148,000 vehicle-miles on the City's arterial streets; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Data Book also found that the estimated total cost of roadway congestion for the Honolulu urbanized area in 2011 was \$427 million or \$928 per peak auto commuter; and

WHEREAS, the Liliha-Nuuanu transportation corridors serve as major thoroughfares for out-of-district traffic coming from the Windward, Leeward, Central and East Honolulu parts of the island, as well as the immediate surrounding neighborhoods of Downtown/Chinatown, which creates a dangerous environment for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians alike; and

WHEREAS, significant traffic attractors and generators in the vicinity include Kamehameha Schools' Kapalama Campus, Damien Memorial School, Hawaii Baptist Academy, Kawananakoa Middle School, Maemae Elementary School, Lanakila Elementary School, St. Francis Healthcare System, Kuakini Medical Center, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Entrance to and exits from the Pali Highway, School Street, Vineyard Boulevard and the H-1 Freeway; and

WHEREAS, the Liliha-Nuuanu transportation corridors are bounded by and include North School Street, Nuuanu Avenue, Wyllie Street, and Liliha Street; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian safety within the Liliha-Nuuanu transportation corridors is a major concern for area residents, including members of Neighborhood Boards #12 and #14, and for businesses, healthcare institutions, elderly care facilities, and schools in the Liliha-Nuuanu areas; and

WHEREAS, the Liliha-Nuuanu transportation corridors are known to be hazardous for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists alike; and



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WHEREAS, there have been serious pedestrian crashes and fatalities within the Liliha-Nuuanu transportation corridors within the last five years, including but not limited to a pedestrian injury in a marked crosswalk at Liliha Street and Ekekela Place on May 31, 2013, a bicyclist fatality at the intersection of Nuuanu Avenue and Judd Street on February 1, 2015, and a pedestrian accident at the intersection of North Kuakini Street and Bachelot Street on June 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and its "Complete Streets" contractors have conducted walking "audits" of segments within Liliha-Nuuanu transportation corridors during the period between December of 2013 and June of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Honolulu Complete Streets Implementation Study Location Report for Nuuanu Avenue from Kuakini Avenue to Craigside Place and the Draft Honolulu Complete Streets Implementation Study Location Report for Liliha Street to Kuakini Street (may 2015) provide an excellent starting point for a more comprehensive Liliha-Nuuanu traffic analysis of the most hazardous segments within the area bounded by North school Street, Nuuanu Avenue, Wyllie Street, and Liliha Street; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Transportation Services is requested to conduct a traffic study to address the vehicular, bicycling and pedestrian safety concerns within the Liliha-Nuuanu area bounded by North School Street, Nuuanu Avenue, Wyllie Street and Liliha Street, and provide recommendations on potential solutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DTS is requested to submit the results of its traffic safety study and recommendations, including a timetable for implementation of specific actions, by October 31, 2015; and



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No. **15-204, FD1**

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation Services, the Mayor, the Managing Director and the Chairs of Neighborhood Boards #12 and #14.

INTRODUCED BY:

Carol Fukunaga

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

July 16, 2015
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers